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***"AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION."***

1 After the last section insert the following:

2 "Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) In cooperation with the  
3 Department of Higher Education, The University of Connecticut and  
4 the Connecticut State University shall develop and implement  
5 initiatives that address Connecticut's teacher shortage areas as  
6 identified by said department, and increase the enrollment and  
7 graduation of minority teacher and urban school teacher candidates.  
8 Initiatives shall include: (1) Expansion of admissions and graduation in  
9 shortage fields by at least ten per cent for the duration of identified  
10 shortages; (2) guaranteed admission programs that fully articulate  
11 pathways for community college students to enter without loss of  
12 credit into university teacher preparation programs in shortage areas;  
13 (3) strengthening mathematics and science instruction in elementary  
14 education programs, and (4) increase retention and graduation of  
15 minority and urban school teacher candidates. These proposals shall  
16 be implemented within existing budgetary resources. Not later than

17 January 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, the Department of Higher  
18 Education shall report to the joint standing committees of the General  
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and  
20 appropriations concerning the use of higher education resources  
21 dedicated to addressing the state's teacher shortage, and progress in  
22 meeting the directives of this section."